

Putting an arbitration system in place that is required prior to proceeding in a copyright case would prove beneficial to copyright holders and Defendants in these matters. Once a federal complaint has been filed (and if needed, early discovery has completed and identified a Defendant), the judge should order arbitration that is not binding but offers the parties the opportunity to settle the matter in a more cost effective way and in front of a fair and impartial arbiter who is knowledgeable in copyright law.

Federal cases are just as costly for Defendants as they are for Plaintiffs. With the uprise in mass copyright lawsuits, arbitration could prove to resolve many of these cases in a short amount of time and make it feasible for both sides to present their cases.